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Re: Applicant(s): Ibrahim ABDULHALIM et al.  
Title: Periodic Patterns and Technique to Control Misalignment Between Two Layers  
Application 10/699,153 Filing Date: October 30, 2003  
No.:  
Examiner: Layla G. LAUCHMAN Group Art Unit: 2877  
Docket No.: TNCR.196US2 Conf. No.: 1463

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return receipt postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Amendment;
- (4) Attachment: U.S. Patent No. 6,855,464 to Niu et al.; and
- (5) Check for \$3,950 for additional claims.

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Total Claims	205	Minus	150	=	55	x	\$50.00	\$	2,750.00
Independent Claims	21	Minus	15	=	6	x	\$200.00	\$	1,200.00
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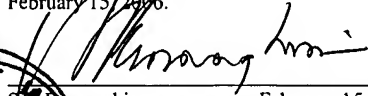
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AMENDMENT

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02 FC:1201 Sir: 1200.00 OP

Please amend the application as follows. The Applicants acknowledge the Official Communication mailed December 27, 2005 by the Patent Office and wish to advise the Patent Office that the information requested in the Official Communication will be provided.

**Amendments to the Specification** are not being made.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not being made.

**Remarks** begin on page 40 of this paper.

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